

The Sailors' Snug Harbor, West Gatehouse
Richmond Terrace
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Address: Richmond Terrace, between Tyssen Avenue and Delafield Place, New Brighton, New York, Richmond County, New York.

Present Owner: The Trustees of The Sailors' Snug Harbor in the City of New York.

Present Occupant: The Sailors' Snug Harbor.

Present Use: Gatehouse at west vehicular entrance.

Statement of Significance: The Sailors' Snug Harbor is a home for aged seamen opened on Staten Island in 1833. This gatehouse is one of three on the grounds of the home and forms part of the institution's particularly rich catalog of nineteenth-century architecture.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: See photo-data book for The Sailors' Snug Harbor, HABS No. NY-5473, for this information.
2. Date of erection: On the west facade of the buildings there is a keystone carved with "1880." However, this gatehouse is not indicated on the Atlas of Staten Island, Richmond Co., New York, published by J. B. Beers & Co. in 1887. It is first shown on a map in the Atlas of the Borough of Richmond, City of New York, published by E. Robinson in 1898. This map indicates also for the first time the road being curved in the direction of this gatehouse.

B. Bibliography

Note: See photo-data book for The Sailors' Snug Harbor, HABS No. NY-5473, for additional bibliographical material.

Atlas of Staten Island, Richmond Co., New York. New York: J. B. Beers & Co., 1887.

Atlas of the Borough of Richmond, City of New York. New York: E. Robinson & Co., 1898.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural interest and merit: The Sailors' Snug Harbor is a home for aged seamen opened on Staten Island in 1833. This gatehouse is one of three on the grounds of the home and forms part of the institution's particularly rich catalog of nineteenth-century architecture.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Number of stories: One story.
2. Number of bays: East and west facades are three bays wide; north and south elevations are one bay wide.
3. Over-all dimensions: East and west facades measure approximately 40'-0" and north and south elevations measure approximately 18'-0".
4. Layout, shape: The building is rectangular in plan, with projecting section on north side.
5. Foundations: Stone.
6. Wall construction, finish, and color: Brick laid up in running bond and painted yellow; rusticated stone quoins.
7. Chimney: Single brick chimney with metal pipe projecting.
8. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Large, arched opening with rusticated architrave over roadway. On the east side the archway is flanked by a smaller arched opening at each side. Modern wood and glass doors to rooms at north and south.
 - b. Windows: Round-headed windows with four-over-four-light double-hung sash, stone sills, and rusticated stone architrave. Under gable on south elevation there is a bull's-eye window.
9. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Gabled roof covered with red and black slate shingles, with cross gable above main arched opening.
 - b. Cornice: Wooden modillioned cornice, painted white.

C. Description of Interior

Note: It was not possible to gain access to the interior.

D. Site and Surroundings:

1. Orientation: The main facade faces west onto Delafield Place. The building is located approximately 490 feet west of Dormitory A.

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Addendum to

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